

**John Parke Custis to George Washington, February 20, 1774, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**FROM JOHN PARKE CUSTIS.**

MOUNT AIRY Feby 20th. 1774

HOND. SIR

How to express fully my Thankfulness for the many kind Offers you have lately made Nelly & myself; I find great Loss of Words; and shall endeavour by my future Behaviour & Actions to testify the sincere & just Regard I entertain of them, it would give me great Uneasiness to lay under such irreparable Obligations, were I not confident that they proceeded from a Generous & disinterested Mind, and that the only returns required, were Effectation and regard—both of which did I not possess in the highest Degree for You; I should look upon myself to be the most insensible & Ungrateful Being on Earth; and shall strenuously endeavour by my future Conduct, to merit a Continuance of your regard and Esteem.

I had resolv'd to send Joe over to morrow, to enquire about your Healths, but the Arrival of Giles has agreeably alter'd my Plan, and satisfied me in that Particular, about which I grew anxious.—I shall dispatch Joe up to Annapolis to-morrow, with your Letters, the Answers to which I shal forward to you, as soon as I receive them, which I hope will be Monday, & you will receive them on Tuesday.

## Library of Congress

All the Family present their respectful Complements & return Thanks; for your kind Enquiry after their Healths they are all well, & expect to see you on Tuesday It. of March, if the Weather permits. — Nelly joins me in Love to Mamma & Yourself, and am

with true Regard & Affection your much oblig'd JOHN PARKE CUSTIS.